

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

## **House Bill 2757**

By Delegates Summers, Forsht, Miller, Reynolds,

Sheedy, Heckert, Petitto, Jeffries, and Cannon

[Introduced January 18, 2023; Referred to the

Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18C-9-3 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, 1931, relating  
 2 to amending eligibility for the West Virginia Invest program, providing that a not-for-profit  
 3 hospital based allied health program is eligible for the West Virginia Invest Program.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 9. WEST VIRGINIA INVESTS GRANT PROGRAM.**

**§18C-9-3. Definitions.**

1 As used in this article:

2 "Academic fees" means fees charged to students for specific courses or programs to  
 3 support such expenses such as lab or equipment costs.

4 "Council" means the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College  
 5 Education.

6 "Commission" means the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

7 "Eligible institution" means a public community and technical college under the authority of  
 8 the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, ~~or~~ a public  
 9 baccalaureate institution that grants associate degrees satisfying the requirements of participating  
 10 in Advanced Career Education (ACE) program partnerships in accordance with §18-2E-11 of this  
 11 code, or a not-for-profit hospital based allied health program authorized by the West Virginia  
 12 Council for Community and Technical College Education or a public baccalaureate institution  
 13 authorized by the Higher Education Policy Commission that grants associate degrees satisfying  
 14 the requirements of participating in ACE program partnerships.

15 "Eligible post-secondary program" means a curriculum of courses leading to a certificate or  
 16 associate degree at an eligible institution which satisfies a course of study that has been deemed  
 17 by the Department of Commerce to satisfy a workforce need as determined by the department in  
 18 accordance with §18-2E-11(d) of this code.

19 "Tuition" means the semester or term charges imposed by an eligible institution and,  
 20 additionally, all mandatory fees required as a condition of enrollment by all students.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to expand eligibility for the WV Invests grant program to include a hospital based allied health program.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.